

Appn. No.: 10/043,768  
Amendment Dated May 8, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of November 16, 2005

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**Remarks/Arguments:****Claim Status**

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 12-19 are allowed.

Claims 2-11 are objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form.

Claim 1 is rejected.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3,5-7 and 10 are amended and claims 2 and 9 are canceled without prejudice.

Applicants request entry and approval of this Amendment because the Amendment: (1) amends claim 1, as originally filed, to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 (based on the Office Action mailed June 3 , 2005); (2) cancels claims 2 and 9; (3) amends claim 10 consistent with amended claim 1; and (4) amends claim 7 to correct an error therein. It is submitted that these claim amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner in the Office Action of June 3, 2005 indicated that the subject matter of original claim 2 to be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form (i.e., with the subject matter of original claim 1). Applicants have now rewritten claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2. Moreover, Applicants have amended claims 3, 5 and 6 to change the dependences of these claims from claim 2 to claim 1. It is submitted that these claim amendments render claims 1 and 3-8 and 10-11 allowable.

**Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

In the Action at item 2, claim 1 is rejected as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0169746).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 to render claims 1 and 3-8 and 10-11 allowable.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

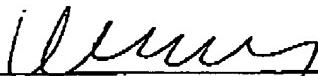
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**Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

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